

REMARKS

The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement between the following claim groups:

Group I: Claims 1-11, 44, 45, and 50, drawn to the problem of reducing wrinkles on the partially transparent screen, which is solved by retention members, tensioning straps and fixing means;

Group II: Claims 1, 12, 13, 17, and 18, drawn to the problem of correcting keystone distortion in a pepper's ghost arrangement, which is solved by providing an adjustably angled, mirror surface in an optical pathway between the lens of the projector and the pigmented reflective member;

Group III: Claims 44 and 46, drawn to the problem of reducing the level of milky white hue associated with the projector emitting light where there is not image of an object to be projected, which is solved by colouring the reflective member grey;

Group IV: Claims 1, 12, 16, 18, 44, 47, 50, and 53, drawn to the problem of variation of the apparent depth and/or position of an object when projected upon the screen, which is solved by variably inclining, with respect to the plane of emission of light from the projector, the pigmented reflective member or sections thereof;

Group V: Claims 44, 48, 50 and 54, drawn to the problem of masking and/or illuminating props on the stage, which is solved by providing a mask corresponding to the on the pigmented reflective surface;

Group VI: Claims 1, 25, 44, and 49, drawn to the problem of masking and/or illuminating props on the stage, which is solved by an LCD arranged to be non-emitting in response to control from a processor; and

Group VII: Claims 27, 34-36, and 43, drawn to the problem of assembling together and tensioning a screen to a frame in a projection apparatus (not just in a pepper's ghost arrangement), which is solved by the steps of (i) resting the frame upon a number of elevation means, (ii) attaching leg sections to the frame, (iii) increasing the height of the elevation means, (iv) adding further leg sections and (v) attaching the edge of the screen to frame sections therefor.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I for prosecution on the merits. Currently pending and amended claims 1-2, 5-7, 10, 12-13, 16-18, 51-54, as well as new claims 55-66, read upon the elected Group I invention.

It is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission other than those being paid herewith. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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